

“THE DAILY LESSON”

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“INDIVIDUAL SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE”

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By Joel S. Goldsmith

THE DAILY LESSON - May 1, 2013

“Good morning. (*Class responds*)

I have tried to bring out at every single period since I am in this work that the secret is *individual* unfoldment. In other words, no demonstration can rise higher than the source from which it emanates. And what is the source? So far as you are concerned, it is your consciousness. No demonstration can ever rise higher than your consciousness.

Now. If you attain the consciousness of Christ as the source, substance and activity of your experience, your experience must begin to approach

infinity. If you think that your understanding or your wisdom or your strength is responsible, then in that degree must your demonstration be finite. Do you see that?" ~Joel

Acts 3:1-12

1 Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour.

2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple;

3 Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms.

4 And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.

5 And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.

6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

7 And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

8 And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God:

10 And they knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him.

11 And as the lame man which was healed held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon's, greatly wondering.

12 And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?

(Peter clearly realized the Source. The Master himself declared, 'I of mine own self can do nothing, the Father within doeth the work'. What a great place to start a meditation. Let's do that now... .. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON - May 2, 2013

“Now. We have Jesus and 12 disciples. Who was the best healer? Good, Jesus. Why should he have been the best healer? Now answer me on that. They all had the same teaching because he gave it to them. Now why should he have been the best healer? Did God respect him any more than the 12 disciples? No, no, he attained a higher degree of Christ-awareness than they. Of the disciples, who do we look upon as the best or greatest or most in achievement? John, Peter – they stand out above the other 10. Why? They all had the same teaching; they all had the same teacher. They all had the same three years. Well, it was their individual demonstration.

Now 30 years later along comes Paul, and Paul is undoubtedly greater than any of those who were actually physically present with the Master. Do you see that? Why? He didn't have the benefit of the teacher. He didn't have the benefit of three years personal contact yet his consciousness rose higher than those who did. So it is.

We are all in the same boat. If it is possible for this activity to flourish wherever I have been with it – as you have seen it in several cities and as you know about it in these foreign lands – then it is possible for, if not that same full degree, for a great measure of that degree to come to any one student because any one student would, to begin with, be responsible only for their little local activity, community or city. But if they develop a success in their community or city, they would certainly soon have a state, and if a state, then three states. Do you see what I'm getting at? Because nothing can limit the state of consciousness that realizes the activity of Christ.”

~Joel

Eph 3:19-21

19 And to know the love of Christ [Infinite Mind], which passeth knowledge [beyond words and thoughts], that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

21 Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages [now and forever], world without end. Amen.

(We have the benefit of the loving guidance of all who have gone before us. Their work shines forth as a beacon of Truth. Rejoice, the hour has come to receive God's promise. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON - May 3, 2013

“Now. If an individual had the benefit of the foundational work that they receive in Christian Science, they can develop spiritual consciousness. It is probably the only metaphysical teaching on the face of the earth outside of The Infinite Way of which that could be said.

There are individuals in Unity and in New Thought who can attain spiritual consciousness, but not from those teachings. They would have to attain it in spite of those teachings because the mistakes and errors of those teachings are so far beyond any truth that's in them, that you would have to rise very, very high above the teachings – above the limitations of the teachings – in order to achieve spiritual consciousness. But there is enough in Christian Science for anyone to do what, let us say Vic Noryoung did, Dr. Dulama, Richard Davis, Nunn or some of the others that we could name who have really shown forth healing and teaching consciousness. Do you see that?

Now. We should do better than they because the Christian Science teaching embraces both a mental and a spiritual science, and your spiritual development would come only as you are able to brush aside the mental science and abide wholly in the spiritual science. In this we have no mental science. Even the letter of truth isn't a mental science because it isn't anything that you rely on for your work. It is merely the foundation through which you open consciousness.

But, if you had Lao-tzu, Buddha and Jesus Christ all combined as your teacher, and your spiritual centers were not opened, it would be of no value. There were many who had the benefit of Jesus Christ's teaching who amounted to nothing. We know of hundreds who had Mrs. Eddy's teaching and amounted to nothing, but a dozen became internationally known figures all through their healing and teaching consciousness. Do you see that?” ~Joel

John 4:24

24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

(The reasoning mind will never come up with the full revelation of God. Only God can reveal God. Few there be that will have the complete conviction - the driven Soul - to Be still and listen Spirit to Spirit.

The foundation has been laid. The Way is opening for you to build your structure of Truth and Love... And so it is, Love, ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON - May 4, 2013

“Now it is so with us. There is an infinity of people in this world, even measured in numbers, there are four billions, and you can have as many of them for patients and students as your consciousness can embrace. There isn't any reason why any individual in the world can't have a million followers if their consciousness can embrace it; that is, if they attain that degree of spiritual consciousness. This isn't anything that isn't proven, and we don't have to go back to ancient days to prove it, but we can prove it by the followers that Mrs. Eddy has built in the world, the followers that Mrs. Fillmore has built in the world. Do you see what I'm getting at?

The followers that Divine Science of Denver has built in the world, the followers that Father Divine has built, the followers that Brother Mandus has built – how do they build those? Through their own consciousness. If there were any other way, everybody else could do it. If you could say, 'oh, newspaper advertising;' well isn't newspaper advertising available to everybody? But newspaper advertising will not do it on any permanent basis. No kind of advertising will do it. Yes, it will bring you a temporary inflow, and it peters out.

There have been many, many metaphysicians who have built up classes of a thousand students and then 20 years later who are having help for supply for themselves and for health. But you don't find those who develop their work through their degree of spiritual consciousness in that fix. No, no. No, Mrs. Eddy wasn't in that fix, and Vic Noryoung wasn't, and Mrs. Fillmore wasn't and so forth and so forth and so on. They had sufficient degrees of developed, cultured spiritual consciousness that appeared outwardly as their patients, their students, their dollars, their properties. So it is today.

Already in its young years there have been several students of The Infinite Way who thought because they saw what looked like my success that they could 'go and do likewise.' And if I could do it with The Infinite Way, they could do it with The Infinite Way, and they tried it and went nowhere with it. But you see they tried it on the strength of the words, 'Infinite Way' – not on their consciousness of The Infinite Way.

Now we have those who have the consciousness and they have developed their own work, their own prosperity, their own patients, their own students,

their own book sales, their own tape sales, all out of their own consciousness. Do you see that?" ~Joel

John 8:32

32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

John 16:7 (to 2nd ;)

7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you;

(Awareness is an individual unfoldment. The Master knew that he could only carry his students for a short time. And so it is, the Truth is within you - and you must open out a way for it to escape... ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON - May 5, 2013

“Now, individually, we have the right to know that Christ is the activity of being. I will admit that there’s quite a handicap in making a statement of that kind because the natural question comes up, ‘what is Christ?’ Well, you see, there is no answer because it is an impossibility to tell anyone what Christ is. It is as if we were to say, ‘Anyone can be successful in business if they have integrity.’ And then you say, ‘But what is integrity? I want to get some of it.’ Oh yes, but it isn’t something you can get. It’s a quality of your being that you not only have, but actually that you are, and if you have realized it, you can go in any line of business, learn the physical details of it.

The principles of business are all the same. It doesn’t make any difference what line you’re in. It doesn’t make any difference whether it’s a corner grocery store or manufacturing dresses. The principle is all the same. You may have to learn a few different details of operation, but the principle that would make for success in one would make for success in the other, and the principle is integrity. Ah, but you can’t define integrity because you say, ‘honesty?’ Oh no, it’s something more than honesty, so forth.

Well, there it is that word, ‘Christ.’ Christ is invisible. More than that, Christ can never be known by a human being. Christ can never be explained. Christ can never be understood. It is completely outside the grasp of human awareness, and yet It is as real as our very presence in this room.”
~Joel

I Cor 2:14, 16

14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

(There is only One activity of Teacher [Mind of Christ]. The “knowing” or discernment [feeling] of Spirit comes from the invisible Within. You’ll know it when you hear it... ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON - May 6, 2013

“Sometimes when you bring your self to an actual state of frustration that is when you are at the very place of Christ-realization. If only we can rise to a high enough degree of frustration in trying to understand Christ and having It evade us and finally get to the point of ‘I know I can’t know It. I don’t know It. I can’t grasp It, It’s beyond me,’ and if you can just keep that up until you have completely nothingized yourself then, in that moment of the complete frustration, the Christ makes Itself known to us. But you would be as hopeless in trying to explain It to anyone, as I am hopeless this minute because It is beyond the human grasp. I couldn’t any more tell It than I could know It, but I can experience It and I can rely on It.” ~Joel

Rom 7:14-25

14 For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin.

15 For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I.

16 If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good.

17 Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.

19 For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.

20 Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

21 I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.

22 For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:

23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

(Here you have Paul nothing-izing his “self” [laws of the flesh and the knowledge of good and evil]. Today, instead of a couple of circular paragraphs, he may have said, “I’ve looked and I can find no sin in Me, only a sense of separation from the Spirit of God. Thank you Father for revealing Thyself in Christ Consciousness.”

Yes, thank you Father, that the reasoning self [self-consciousness] is finite. And so, it will come to the end of its personal knowledge [noise]. Human consciousness may seem endless sometimes, but stay focused on Truth. Come to a place where you can finally STOP... And, Rest in the silent confidence of My Peace and surrender... There is nothing to attain, only to accept. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON - May 7, 2013

“I remember when I first came over to Hawaii I used to marvel at the people who could lie on top of the water and just leisurely take a stroke that way, leisurely, and they wouldn’t sink. But me, if I didn’t keep doing this, I’d sink. I had to depend on myself, and they depended on something that I know that not one of them was ever able to understand or describe or define. All they know is that they could just reach out, and they stayed on top of the water! Isn’t that a miracle? It still is to me because I still can’t get as slow a motion as swimmers can because they do not depend on this motion of the arm to keep them up. There is something that holds their body up, and they only use the motion of the arm to propel themselves.

But not me, I have to propel myself and keep myself on top of the water with it, and that is only because I haven’t the swimmer’s Christ. And it’s really so. They have a faculty, I’ve seen, Emma she can lie face down on the water and never move – hands or feet – and stay right on top of the water. I’ve seen her do it for minutes and minutes and minutes at a time, all the way out to the reef and back. That’s when they used to do it too, hardy. But I haven’t achieved that. I have to keep moving.

In other words, there is a reliance on myself. But somehow in this work, I never have to rely on myself, physically or mentally. I have that knack, or Divine Grace, of being able to rest. I can just rest. To me, it’s almost like a cloud back here that I rest in, and then everything seems to take place in the outer world. It just takes form and appears before my eyes without any physical or mental effort.

That is the Christ. That is the activity of the Invisible. And I see other people; oh they’re so busy with the movements of their mind, and sometimes even with physical movements, trying to get somewhere.”
~Joel

Prov 3:5,6

5 Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

(If we Love and Trust God is there something else we’re going to need? There are three “r”s in our prrractice today: rest, relax, Rely. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON - May 8, 2013

“In this work, you can’t get anywhere at all except go backwards. It’s in the ability to ‘take no thought for your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink.’ But the thing that gives you that ability is whatever that Christ is.

Now as an individual attains It, it seems that out of nowhere somebody comes and asks for help, and another somebody and another somebody, and somebody else asks for instruction, and so forth, and all of a sudden an activity has built up around that individual. Now, of course, the day will come when this will go on in the world without the name, Infinite Way, without Christian Science. Because one of these days, people will be ready to understand that this isn’t something that somebody owns or discovers or can transmit, that it is an activity of Christ in individual consciousness and so they’ll just be able to go out to their neighbors who say, ‘what is this you’ve got?’ and just say, ‘well, it’s a spiritual influence.’” ~Joel

John 14:10-12 (to 2nd ;)

10 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

11 Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.

12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do;

(The only owner is the Source of all Being.

The activity of the Christ is Love Loving.

You can do that, right? ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON - May 9, 2013

“Well where do you learn about it?’ You don’t learn about it. You don’t learn about it. ‘Well what book do you read?’ You don’t read a book. ‘Well what do you do?’ ‘Well you might as well wake up and begin to believe there’s a God,’ and then they’ll be shocked. They thought they did believe it. Oh no, you’ve never believed in God. You’ve never relied on God one minute of your life. You may have prayed to God and hoped something would happen, but you never really sat back and waited for it to happen.

And then as they commence to understand that actually they haven’t believed in God, haven’t really believed that there was a God that would maintain and sustain them unto eternity without worry, fear, doubt. Then they would begin to develop that Christ within their own being, and they will then make better progress than we who have had to come up through reading books because we have had this period of mental activity which they will avoid. They won’t have to go through the mental steps.” ~Joel

Mark 12:28-30

28 And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all?

29 And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:

30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.

(The mental [mind of matter] doesn’t really matter... It doesn’t matter how you go about the surrendering and letting go - but the Loving must be with 100 percent commitment and without condition. Any steps or correct procedures in the process of surrendering are man’s invention not God’s. You see - ALL that the Father hath already is thine.

Think of this Loving like we think of breathing - breathing in or breathing out, it is still breathing. And breathing is a necessary function of man. Can we do one without the other? Ok... God Loves, we Love, it is all One Love. We can receive Love, we can give Love and we can witness Love - it is still Love Loving. Loving with all our heart or Loving with God’s heart - it is all the same thing. You can go further if you want to, but you don’t

need to. Just be still and watch Love Loving. We learn the Truth about God by watching Love's activity. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON - May 10, 2013

“Now. Just think what it means when you come, yourself, to the realization: there is a spiritual influence in this world. It has nothing to do with anybody’s teaching. It has nothing to do with anybody’s religion; it has nothing to do with anybody’s books. Let’s forget books. Let’s forget teachers. Let’s forget everything in this world except that I am sitting in this chair, and that I am not satisfied with my world as it is, and so I start asking myself the question: ‘Is there an answer? Is there an answer to this thing of life?’ And as I ponder and as I question, and as my thought thrashes around, pretty soon the idea will begin: ‘Well you know there must be a God. There must be a Principle. There must be something or other.’

And so it may take days, weeks, months, years, but eventually It will reveal Itself that there is a spiritual influence in this world, in this life, something that existed before there was a world, something that existed before there was an individual. Then you realize, ‘Why, yes, and it is that spiritual influence that is responsible for my being on earth. I didn’t bring myself here and I know enough now to know that parents can’t create children.’ There is a spiritual influence that acts even upon seeds.” ~Joel

John 8:58

58 Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.

Heb 13:5 I will

5 ...I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

Matt 28:20 and

20 ...and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

(The I that I Am - Is, was and ever will Be. I Am the offspring of God. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON - May 11, 2013

“Where is that spiritual influence? And it naturally follows that it’s right where I am. Since it produced me, placed me here, it must be here where I am. Knowing scripture, of course, that brings us right back to the fact ‘the kingdom of God is within you.’ Certainly this spiritual influence, this spiritual presence, this spiritual power is right where I am. Well my body can’t know about it because my body hasn’t any knowing faculties. My feet can’t know about it. My head can’t know about it. The brain can’t know about it, but *I* can know about it.

Oh, then it must be within range of my *I*-ness, my consciousness, my awareness. Then this spiritual power must be within range of my own awareness. *I* can become aware of it. *I* can know it. It is within range of my knowledge, my awareness, my consciousness, my being. Therefore, it is where I am. And again, having read a little bit, we remember the poet who said, ‘closer than breathing, nearer than hands and feet,’ and we say, ‘why, there’s two fellows that knew that: Jesus and a poet.’

And do you see now that we’ve left out the words, ‘Infinite Way,’ and we’ve left out the words, ‘Christian Science,’ and we’ve left out ‘Unity’ and ‘Catholicism’ and ‘Judaism,’ and we find that none of those words or terms are necessary. That actually whatever there is of a principle is a spiritual influence and that it’s within my own being. It isn’t white; it isn’t black; it isn’t Oriental; it isn’t Occidental; it isn’t Jewish; it isn’t Christian; it isn’t Mohammedan. Do you see?” ~Joel

Luke 17:20,21

20 And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:

21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

The Poet - Alfred, Lord Tennyson wrote:

“The sun, the moon, the stars, the seas, the hills and the plains,-
Are not these, O Soul, the Vision of Him who reigns?

Is not the Vision He, tho' He be not that which He seems?

Dreams are true while they last, and do we not live in dreams?

Earth, these solid stars, this weight of body and limb,
Are they not sign and symbol of thy division from Him?

Dark is the world to thee; thyself art the reason why,
For is He not all but thou, that hast power to feel "I am I"?

Glory about thee, without thee; and thou fulfilllest thy doom,
Making Him broken gleams and a stifled splendour and gloom.

Speak to Him, thou, for He hears, and Spirit with Spirit can meet-
Closer is He than breathing, and nearer than hands and feet.

God is law, say the wise; O soul, and let us rejoice,
For if He thunder by law the thunder is yet His voice.

Law is God, say some; no God at all, says the fool,
For all we have power to see is a straight staff bent in a pool;

And the ear of man cannot hear, and the eye of man cannot see;
But if we could see and hear, this Vision-were it not He?"

(Actually, none of these words are necessary - STOP, be still and listen...
... .. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON - May 12, 2013

“Here you come to that place – not of tolerance, nah, you’ve gone beyond tolerance now. You’ve almost reached the place of disgust with these great religious leaders who put names on this thing and then claim they were their discovery or that it was embodied within their teaching or their organization. Then you commence to understand that this thing called God, spiritual influence, or Christ is as free as the air, as impersonal as the air, and doesn’t belong to anybody any more than the air does.

Then you really commence to comprehend the idea of religion, true religion, true religion. And you’ll know why Lao-tzu could say, ‘if you could name it, it isn’t that’ because now you can’t name it beyond saying, ‘Well at least it’s invisible. At least it’s infinite.’

Well now we can invent a new name if we want and call it the Infinite Invisible. But it will only take one generation for somebody to do with the term, ‘Infinite Invisible’ what they’ve done with ‘God’ or ‘Divine Mind’ or ‘Christ.’ They’ll make it into something that you can explain, and then it will be lost again.

Who can explain that which is Invisible? Who can explain that which is Infinite? The only reason you are allowed to use the words, ‘Infinite Invisible’ is because it’s a word beyond human, a term beyond human understanding. As long as you can agree that this thing called ‘God’ is something beyond human understanding, you are approaching holy ground.” ~Joel

Matt 6:19,20 (to 2nd ,)

19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt,

(Spiritual Treasure is beheld in a place of absolute certainty beyond words and thoughts. Always new - always fresh... Always available and it always shows up exactly the way you need it. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON - May 13, 2013

“Now there is another question: ‘How did all this start?’ (*Laughter*).

We have come to a point where we agree that there is a spiritual influence, a creative influence. Just through reasoning we can go on and declare that if It created, It must also maintain and sustain; otherwise, It wouldn't be infinite. But, the thought comes, if that's true, if there is a spiritual influence and It is within me or close to me, or within range of my own individual awareness, my own comprehension, certainly I've missed the point somewhere because I haven't had consciously available to me any spiritual impulse.

I have had to work for a living. I have had to use sweat, toil, labor, worry, thought – anxious thought, fearful thought, doubtful thought – and none of that is indicative of this of which it is said is ‘not by might nor by power, but by my spirit.’ And then the question naturally arises, ‘How do I avail myself of It? How do I bring myself into the experience or how do I bring It into my experience?’ Let us acknowledge now that there is an It.” ~Joel

John 14:27

27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

(Peace is not available in effort and reasoning, it comes in Silence. The awareness of My Peace is in direct proportion to the Realization of My Spirit as Individual Being. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON - May 14, 2013

“Let us acknowledge that we do not know Its nature, but we do know Its effects – the effects appear as harmonious creation, harmonious experience, harmonious body or harmonious being, harmonious activity or harmonious relationships.

Let us acknowledge that even though we do not know the nature of the Infinite Invisible at least we know Its effects and, that having studied the lives of many, we also know that those who actually contacted It, found peace. They may not have found the kind of life that metaphysicians are looking for. We may have to change our concept of what harmonious living is.

I know that a great deal of the metaphysical world believes that a harmonious relationship is indicated by the ownership of a Cadillac car. It might be heavily mortgaged, but riding in it is indicative of spiritual demonstration, or a big home or something of that kind. And that is not true. That is not true.

Spiritual harmony is made evident in a state of absolute contentment, peace, joy. The only discontent is that it provides a drive that does not leave us to just sit around and enjoy the physical good of life. In other words, once one has touched or been touched by that spiritual influence, there is a continuous, Divine Discontent which comes no matter how joyous your experience or how successful, how healthy or how wealthy it is, there is still that Divine Discontent because you haven't achieved the full realization of Christhood, and It will drive and drive and drive. That is called the Divine Discontent.” ~Joel

Rom 14:17

17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

(Harmonious Living is not about being surrounded by good things, it is about being surrounded by Spirit. Thank you Father for including me... ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON - May 15, 2013

“Very many of the mystics are disgusted when people come to them and say, ‘I’m looking for happiness,’ and they say, ‘what will you do with it after you get it? Rot somewhere?’ Because there is no happiness in the human sense for a person who receives the Christ except the momentary happiness if someone came to them very ill, or dying or dead and they saw them raised up, there would be a momentary happiness that they had demonstrated the reality of Christ. But the chances are that they’d look out and see three billion nine hundred and ninety-nine million more waiting and that temporary sense of happiness would go and the Divine Discontent would come again: ‘So what am I going to do about those other three billion?’” ~Joel

Matt 5:1-12 (to 2nd :)

1 And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him:

2 And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,

3 Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

5 Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

6 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

7 Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

8 Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

9 Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

10 Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven:

(Jesus gave his disciples [and us] the Beatitudes as examples of the activity of Love, and therefore the greatest experience of Joy. True happiness is witnessing the activity of the Christ.

Blessed are they that are the Instrument of Love Loving.

Thank you Father... I am on my knees in tears of joy... ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON - May 16, 2013

“So it is that one’s idea of health, wealth, happiness, contentment, ‘peace that passeth understanding’ changes. Different values become alive and so you find contentment in very simple surroundings, but you still find the inner discontent because you realize how far your humanhood still is from the attainment or demonstration of its Christhood.

Now. This has nothing to do with the neighbor sitting next to you in class or in church. This has nothing to do with a membership. It is so individual that you may go from this moment and attain the most wonderful experience imaginable on earth while your very next door neighbor or seat person goes on to utter failure, ill health and so forth and you say, ‘how could it have been with the same teaching and the same teacher?’ It had nothing to do with teaching or teacher; it had to do with individual consciousness. Do you see?” ~Joel

Ps 91:1-7

1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

3 Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

6 Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

(The old and new promise is that harmony, health, wealth and peace come to those that Dwell in the secret place...

Father, I can do nothing, I desire nothing and I am nothing in this-world. I only seek to have my Being in You... I can no longer live by bread alone... I kiss the cross, and take it up, and follow You... ... ~al.within)

THE DAILY LESSON - May 17, 2013

“Now, when you watch this work and you see one person out in the field being very, very, very successful and you say, ‘Well no wonder. No wonder. They’re out there with that Infinite Way and they’ve got those Infinite Way books and Infinite Way recordings and Joel comes around once in awhile and gives a class, no wonder they’re successful.’ Don’t you believe it! There are more who are failures with all of that than are successes because it has nothing to do with any of those things.

It has to do with what degree of attainment you individually achieve. The same way you may see a businessman go out and, with what he understands of this, achieve wonderful success in his business world. And you see another just getting nowhere with it, and yet both presumably practicing the same teaching. It isn’t the teaching. No, no it’s whether or not an individual makes *contact* with that inner spiritual impulse or influence.

As a matter of fact, that is all that The Infinite Way is. It’s a revelation, or a restatement of the revelation, that there is a spiritual influence in this world. Some people call It God and other people call It by other names. But there is a spiritual, a divine influence and It is available to individuals. It is not available to collective groups except as collective groups attain It individually.

In other words, there have only been a dozen or two students in all of this Series, and certainly it has been the highest unfoldment that I have witnessed in my career in the work. And what each one has gotten out of it has had nothing to do with what has been revealed, but what degree of it registered in their own consciousness. And it is the same thing as it goes out into the world in written form or on tape.” ~Joel

Rom 8:9 (to .)

9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you.

(Never think that there are two children of God. One man that has real-ized God and one that has not. One that is perfect and one that can make a mistake. There is only One real man, One real health, One real supply, and he is without limitation, lack and incapable of error. We are that Real child of God before and after we realize it. You see? ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON - May 18, 2013

“You would be surprised at the experiences, the differing experiences that take place as students read the Monthly Letter. Some of whom it brings revelation and realization to, and others who, well I don't know, if you could read some of the funny letters, you'd wonder what it was doing to them. And so it is with the recordings. From one city I had the complaint that students feel that it's too much to expect them to listen to an hour of this. Couldn't they just have a half-hour recording? And then we have others who write in – why I just had a letter this morning (or rather in yesterday's mail) saying that when they complete the evening recording, after the meditation students have asked, 'can't we have it over again before we go home?'

Do you see what I'm getting at? That regardless of what the message is, the actual result is what takes place with it or through it in your individual consciousness and, of course, the miracle word is 'Christ'. I don't know the meaning of the word, but that is the word. If there is another word for it, the Chinese had it and it was 'Tao.' If there is another word, both the Hindus and the Japanese have a word for it, 'darshan'. But so far as we're concerned, the word is 'Christ.' It is just as meaningless though as Tao or darshan. There is no way to define them. It's a mistake to hook It up with an individual of one particular name because It is an invisible something that is not the property of any individual but It is the faculty of any and every individual who can attain It, realize It.” ~Joel

I Cor 2:12,13

12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

I Cor 2:16 But

16 ... But we have the mind of Christ

(If your teacher has a name then you are working in your mind. Before Abraham was, I AM. The Teacher is beyond words or thoughts, not by might or by power, but by My Spirit and to and including the Mind of Christ. The Father within, He doeth the Work. Be still and be Taught... ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON - May 19, 2013

“(Phillidelphus, what was the question that started all this?..oh yes.) Well, you see, a lecturer, a teacher, a practitioner in any of the metaphysical schools can present this in any way, under any name, in any form if so be they, themselves, attain a measure of Christhood, of realization, of this spiritual influence. Then whether they present it as one thing or another makes no difference because this is to be found in the ancient manuscripts of India and, on this last trip, I found it in an ancient manuscript of the Hebrews. That is, of the time, of the year 1000 to 1100 A.D. I found this principle just as intact and perfect as it is presented in The Infinite Way, and they didn’t use the word ‘Christ,’ and yet it was It. It was It, this Spirit, this same Spirit, this same transcendental, Infinite Invisible that led this particular writer of the tenth century or eleventh century to say that we have no right to believe that we can know anything about God except that God is.

Of course, he should be paying me royalties for these last ten centuries, shouldn’t he? *(Laughter)* Do you see that? We have no right. Oh he goes on to explain that, too. And he says that if you were to say, ‘God is love,’ or ‘God is wisdom,’ or ‘God is strength,’ or ‘God is beauty,’ you are saying no more than if you just said GOD IS. Isn’t that clear? Isn’t that true? Because God constitutes all being, all strength, all beauty, all wisdom, all love. Could there be such things separate and apart from God? No, and so to say ‘GOD IS’ is comprehensive enough. He saw that. I saw that, and then in India I found a manuscript of the fifteenth century and he discovered the same thing. Do you see that?

These are universal truths, and the tragedy is when some religion says, ‘ah, that’s a teaching of our religion and proves that we are correct.’ Nonsense. That isn’t a teaching of any religion. That is merely a teaching. Actually it’s a truth, but it’s as universal a truth as the sun up in the sky or the moon or the stars, and just as available to any individual who will open their inner eye or inner ear: Christ is yours; Christ is mine. Christ is, and Christ is a state of divine being, an essence, presence, power. It is a joy, a beauty, and It comes into active expression in proportion as our thought ceases – in proportion as we develop an inner sense of receptivity.” ~Joel

John 8:31,32

31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;

32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

I John 3:18,19 (to ,)

18 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

19 And hereby we know that we are of the truth,

(An activity of Truth expressed [God's absolute Truth, not man's agenda], in whatever manifestation, is God fulfilling itself. It is God AS or Love Loving. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON - May 20, 2013

“It is exactly the same idea as if, for instance, we were composers and we want to bring forth a new melody. Why, I suppose the good composers never want to bring forth a good melody. The good melody just begins to permeate their consciousness and they write it down. But let us suppose that we aren’t one of the good ones, and we do want to bring forth one. How are we going to do it? We’re going to do it by closing our eyes and opening our ear and just sitting there waiting and waiting and waiting and waiting. And if we just wait long enough, and if we go deeply enough into the center of our being, the melody will flow.

Why? Music is just as infinite as God because God is that which constitutes music, and so there could be no end to melody, no end to new selections. All we have to do is go deep enough where we’re not hearing other composers’ music, not being influenced by outer sounds, and then we will hear such melodies as the human ear has never heard before because there are deeper melodies awaiting recognition, deeper ones than Mozart ever heard, or Chopin or Wagner. There are deeper ones. Why? Because nobody has yet plumbed the depths, the complete depths of God. And the nearer they get to that inner being, the more beautiful melodies will come forth: more beautiful poetry, more beautiful literature, more beautiful paintings, more beautiful sculpture, and so forth and so on.” ~Joel

Isa 40:31

31 But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

*(Father, I can do nothing of mine own self.
I have nothing to bring forth...*

But You do.

~al.within)

THE DAILY LESSON - May 21, 2013

“There is nothing that cannot be brought forth from the depths of our own inner being. No one need go outside themselves, yet the activity will develop in what is called the outer world. The call will come to move here or move there, or bring New York to Hawaii or so forth and so on. But – and the activity will appear in the outer realm and it will appear as an outer activity – but it will only be brought forth in the same way that you’re going to bring forth beautiful music: from the depths of the Withinness. And that Withinness may also be called Christ, Spirit, spiritual influence, spiritual presence, spiritual power.

Anything that is in the mind of God can be brought forth through man because God is the mind of individual man. And so the individual man has the full capacity of the Godhead. But that is only when his mind is very still. When the mind is very still, very peaceful, very quiet, then God is the mind of every individual and any and every individual can bring through infinity in proportion to the quietness and stillness of the thinking mind, the reasoning mind.” ~Joel

Luke 3:4 Prepare

4 ... Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

(So the big question is: How do we become the instrument of God and let His will [Love] flow through us? How do we prepare The Way? First, we need to shut up and listen... Stop the anxious thought that seems to cause us to react to the things of this world. Only when we stop the monkey noise, stop the desires [yes, even the desires for good], and stop the arguments of logic and reasoning can we come to a place where we can rest back, truly and completely trust and Love God. We have to stop the self or we cannot Love or be Loved.

The Spirit is within and so It is included in us. And so it is that we are Included in It. So what's not to trust?

Let the Mind of Christ direct your activities today. Follow the directions exactly as they come. The directions will never stop and so we must not either...

Peace is Trusting God, yourself and your neighbors.

Liberty is the realized activity of that Trust.
Love is an activity of recognizing Oneness and sharing it unconditionally.

Thank you Father, ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON - May 22, 2013

“That doesn’t mean that we want to get rid of the thinking mind or reasoning mind. We want to keep on using those in the way they were meant to be used: for reasoning and thinking. But we do not bring forth beautiful melodies by reason, but by inspiration. So we bring forth any form of human expression by inspiration. We may then use the thinking, reasoning mind to work out the details of human activity. But first we must receive the inspiration from the Soul.

In other words, eventually we will all recognize that the Soul, this spiritual influence, emanates from the Soul, and that the Soul governs both mind and body. Both mind and body are instruments for the Soul. Then the mind will function perfectly and the body will function perfectly. We must come to a place of realization that mind and body are functions of the Soul.

Soul animates mind and body. Soul uses mind and body as instruments. Just as we use the arm and hand for writing, so does the Soul use our mind and body for making Itself visible and tangible in human experience, in individual experience. When we know that, we will quiet the mind and the body and let the Soul come through using this spiritual impulse as Its means of reaching our individual consciousness.” ~Joel

(So, how else can Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven?)

Ps 46:10 (to :)

10 Be still, and know that I am God:

(Now go - - go and do God’s work. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON - May 23, 2013

“See this then: there is a Soul, and this Soul is universal. It is the source of all that is, the source of all purity: purity of music, purity of architecture, purity of art, mathematics, purity of all experience. And It operates through, or as, a spiritual influence reaching individual you and me through an inner stillness or silence, through an inner awareness, through an inner state of receptivity. Then, as this Soul reveals to us Its beauties, Its harmonies, the mind and the body take over and bring them into visible form and expression.

Now that which God does is forever and so when an inspiration comes from God, it comes through into full fruition. There is no such thing as inventing something and then not having the capital to finance it. No, there is no such thing – not if an individual realizes that that invention was the activity of the Soul of this universal being coming through individual consciousness. Then they will step aside and let the invention come through, and the financing and the advertising, and the buying and the selling.” ~Joel

II Cor 9:8

8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:

(Step out of the way and Let God use you for His expression. ~AI)

THE DAILY LESSON - May 24, 2013

“So it is with any idea. There is no such thing as an unpublished book or an unpublished piece of music if an individual has received it as a divine inspiration, and then realizes that the same source of inspiration is the activity of bringing it to full fruition.

In other words, the activity that creates a seed is the same activity that brings it forth as a flower and then as a fruit. The activity that created a seed doesn't leave it a seed and say, 'well I can't get it into a tree or into a bud or into the fruit.' It brings it through into full expression.” ~Joel

John 15:4

4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

(The vine, the branch, the blossom and the fruit are of the same Source. They are all included in the same creation. They each need the other, are aware of the other and Live as One expression of Vine. Once you realize the Oneness of Being, in Truth, you see the Whole. Each is individually expressed but each also appears as Vine. This Oneness is the activity and success of the individual. And, likewise is: God Consciousness, the Mind of Christ and Individual Being. I Am is I One. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON - May 25, 2013

“Well. I was going to talk about this subject of supply. Supply and health will always be the two major subjects in all spiritual unfoldment until the realization is attained that there is neither health nor supply, that there is only the attainment of the realization of God. The moment there is the realization of God, there is no such thing as health or supply to talk about or safety or security. Those are words that drop out of your vocabulary because the only interest that one has is abiding in this realization of God, and all these other things take care of themselves.

In other words, God appears as safety, security, the rock, the fortress, the high tower, the ‘cloud by day, the pillar by night, the manna, the water, the wine, the bread, the meat.’ God appears as these so one has no concern for these. But until such time as that realization dawns, health and supply, maybe safety and security will be the subjects most frequently discussed.”
~Joel

Matt 16:15-17

15 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?

16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

(When the Father reveals the Christ, you are not looking inwards [like you are separate looking at something], you are looking out AS. You see? And you shall be given a new name, and it shall be “AS”. ~As)

THE DAILY LESSON - May 26, 2013

“Now the unfoldment of The Infinite Way differs on these subjects from that which will ordinarily be found because The Infinite Way makes it very clear that prayer, or even metaphysical treatment, for things like health or supply or safety or security can never succeed. And so instead of concerning ourselves with these we concern ourselves entirely with the prayer of spiritual realization, the meditation on, well you might say this that this hour was a meditation on God or the Christ. But of what value would it have been if the realization of it did not appear AS safety, security, peace, joy, health, supply?

So it is that if we were to spend an hour in such contemplation as we have this morning and then found it necessary to give a treatment afterward for supply or health, we would be having supply, health, safety, security as something separate and apart from the realization of the Christ. Do you see that? But they are not something separate and apart from the realization of the Christ; the realization of the Christ constitutes peace, joy, harmony, safety, security, health and supply.” ~Joel

James 4:3

3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.

(God is not Santa Claus releasing Love upon condition or request. God is unconditional Love. All that God has is already mine... It is our job to know that, not God's. You see? ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON - May 27, 2013

“Ah yes, in the world when thought turns to supply one thinks in terms of effects such as crops, herds, dollars, properties. But in The Infinite Way that is not true. None of those things are supply. None of those things constitute supply, and to think of them sets up a sense of separation from supply because what is supply? The realization of God is the only supply there is. The realization of God is supply. Supply is something within you, not external to you. Supply does not grow on trees. Supply is not printed in a mint. Supply is never held in a safe deposit vault. They may be treasures, but they are not supply. They are the *effects* of supply.” ~Joel

Matt 4:1-4

1 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungered.

3 And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

(Real supply does not exist in the physical; it comes from the consciousness at the source of it. If we wanted an apple to eat, we would first have to find an apple tree, right. But where does the tree get it from? From the Source within it that animates the tree.

What is this Source or Word of God? God Consciousness - Grace.

How do we get this Grace? Go within and acknowledge it, just like Jesus did. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON - May 28, 2013

“In other words, as long as there is God, there is supply, and as long as there is God, supply will appear as crops and herds, and monies and securities and so forth. But try to think in terms of monies, securities, properties, and crops and herds separate and apart from God and you have the reason for wars and lawsuits. Wars and lawsuits are always fought over effects – something that is already in existence in the world and two people want them; whereas, the moment there is the realization of supply, nobody wants them. Nobody cares whose got them or who owns them because the realization of supply produces effects called crops, herds, securities, as they may be needed, and beforehand.” ~Joel

Mark 12:30,31

30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.

31 And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

(When we acknowledge God aright we must acknowledge all that God IS - and that includes the Presence of God AS.

Thank you Father. ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON - May 29, 2013

“Try in every way to realize this: when you think of supply, instantly think of God or the Christ as supply. Do not permit yourself to think of any effect as supply, but think of these as the *effects* of supply, and without having the supply, God, you will have to struggle hard to get the effects. Having the supply Itself, which is God, the effects flow of their own accord.” ~ Joel

Matt 4:4

4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

(So, the Word of God is what we need...

What is the Word of God? An activity of Spirit - of Love.

Where is it? Well, according to Jesus, the Kingdom is within you - so that must be where the Spirit and Love is too. Right?

How do I hear the Word? Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and all these things will be added unto you [appearing AS].

What does it appear as? Anything necessary for the present fulfillment of God's will.

When will I hear the Word? The moment you take no thought and listen.

Shhhhhh... ... ~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON - May 30, 2013

“I wanted to conclude with one subject here, and that is the word, ‘sin.’ We are, in this work, going to be called on every day of the week to handle the subject of sin – whether in ourselves it makes no difference, if not in ourselves, certainly in others. And unless we have a spiritual approach to the subject, we will not be of much help to those who want it or even to ourselves if we come under temptation.

The handling of sin is in this wise. First, be sure that no trace of condemnation exists in your consciousness for the simple reason that a person indulging sin is no more responsible for it than the person who has a headache or a cold. It is only one of the world’s discords touching them in a different way. Therefore, to hold them in condemnation would be making it an utter impossibility to bring out healing. It is as if you are to condemn a paralytic because they couldn’t walk, and that would be utter nonsense.”
~Joel

John 7:24

24 Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.

(What is sin? In a word, drama.

Sin is seeing yourself or others as separate from God.

Now, imagine for a moment you could see with God’s eyes what would you see?

Ok now, bask in that Reality of Oneness. And all that is left is a smile.
~Al)

THE DAILY LESSON - May 31, 2013

“Now, turn from the sin or the sinner in the realization that a good human is not necessarily more spiritual than a bad human, and then you will almost instantly have had a healing. The moment that you can realize within your self that you are no more interested in a good human than in a bad human, but in the spiritual entity of an individual, in that moment you have broken the illusory power of sin, false desire, false appetite. Do you see that?

Thank you.” ~Joel

Rom 8:5,6

5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

(The more we dwell in the impersonal Presence of Spirit the more our human thought fades, until finally it dissolves completely.

So dwell... ~Al)